

WAND(TV) – Extension of Time to Construct

WAND(TV) Partnership, licensee of WAND(TV), Decatur, Illinois (“WAND”), hereby requests an extension of time to complete construction of its post-auction channel facilities at its permanent location (FCC File No. 0000034594) so as to allow WAND to operate on interim facilities while its permanent facilities are completed. *See* 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv).¹ WAND respectfully requests an extension of its construction permit for a period of 180 days.

WAND was initially assigned to Phase 7 but due to delays with equipment delivery, weather and other issues, filed and received a Phase Waiver (FCC File Number 0000097698) to Phase 8.

WAND originally intended to install a temporary, interim antenna on its pre-auction channel and transfer its current operations to that antenna, at which time the main antenna would be transitioned to the station’s post-auction channel by the phase completion deadline. However, delays beyond the control of WAND in the delivery of the interim antenna and related equipment and lack of a tower crew have resulted in the installation timetable being pushed back. The tower crew is presently on-site, but looking ahead at predictions for weather, having the main antenna up and ready by the station’s obligatory transition date of March 13, 2020 is questionable and the tower crew will not be able to complete work on the main facilities by the March 13 deadline.

WAND filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (FCC File Number 0000098993) for operation with an interim antenna on its new channel. Further technical delays were identified, and WAND filed a second request for Special Temporary Authority to transition to its new channel utilizing the interim antenna. *See* FCC File No. 0000106179. WAND will remain on the interim antenna on its new channel until work on its main facilities is complete. WAND therefore requests an extension of time to construct its permanent post-auction facilities.

¹ WAND acknowledges that this request has not been filed 90 days before its current construction deadline. Accordingly, to the extent necessary, WAND requests waiver of the 90-day deadline found in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3700(b)(5)(iv) for filing this extension request.